

NATIONAL PROCESSED RASPBERRY COUNCIL
Food Safety Committee Meeting

The Inn at Lynden; Lynden, WA

May 15, 2017, 3:30 p.m.

Committee Members Participating:

Andy Enfield Antonio Dominguez Rolf Haugen
 Eric Larson Karen Holzberg Corey Havard

Others Participating:

Tom Krugman Allison Beadle Henry Bierlink
 Hakim Fobia Predrag Orescanin Omar Soto
 John Clark Doug Meek

x = present o = absent

A. Call to Order; Establish Quorum; Approve Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Eric. On a motion by Andy, seconded by Antonio, minutes from the March 20 and May 2 conference calls were unanimously approved.

B. Revised Project Proposal: Pathogen Reduction and Process Validation

A revised proposal and answers to committee questions raised during the last conference call were reviewed. Rolf found it interesting that after using chlorine in the industry for thirty years there were no published validation studies. Corey noted that studies were likely to have been done but never published. On this basis, the committee supported the project as it would provide documented evidence of efficacy. Question was raised as to whether fogging or electrostatic application would improve coverage. Discussion turned to ozone and its use and application. Discussion also noted that the first phase of the project was to validate chlorine and PAA, with emerging technologies or alternate treatment methodologies to follow in subsequent proposals. Tom was asked to relay to Britt suggested changes necessary to finalize the proposal, and was also asked to relay the committee’s desire to begin as quickly as possible and to accelerate the project if possible so that results would be available prior to next year’s harvest.

C. Food Safety Outreach

Two food safety educational posters and a brochure were presented for committee consideration. The collateral would be provided to growers in English, with a text box for translation into whatever language was needed to inform workers. The committee made a few suggested changes to the icons/pictograms required before finalizing the documents to that they could be used during for this year’s food safety training.

D. Adjourn

A conference call was scheduled for Friday, May 26, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. Pacific Time to review the final changes to the validation study and the changes to the food safety outreach materials. There then being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.